

Tri-Village Baseball By-Laws

Shetland (T-Ball) League

1. Rules and regulations are found in the Pony Baseball Handbook, these are the rules and regulations unless superseded by the Tri-Village By-Laws.
2. Players abusing equipment and throwing of the bat by the batter will result in:
 1. First offense- player is warned.
 2. Second offense- player is out.
 3. Third offense- player is ejected from game.
3. Rain-out or cancelled game; make-ups are optional.
4. Home team will supply a home plate umpire and the game ball(s). Visiting team will provide a field umpire. It is recommended that the defensive team only have **three** coaches on the field assisting players and should be located behind base coaches and second base.
5. USA Bat – players must use a bat certified with the USA Bat licensing stamp on the bat
6. Unlimited substitutions. Batting order does not change.
7. Batter and catcher must wear a helmet.
8. The bases are to be **sixty** feet.
9. When an **outfielder** throws a ball **toward** the infield base runners are to stop at the base they are advancing to. If any base runner is in **forward** motion between bases they may try to reach the next base, keeping in mind that the ball is still alive, and a play can be made.
10. Runners may **not** advance on **infielder** overthrows.
11. Length of game: **3** innings with the first 2 innings ending with 3 out or 5 runs. No new innings to start after 8:00pm or if 1 ½ hours have passed. Example: Game started at 6:45pm then you would play until 8:15pm.
12. The team at bat will be limited to **five** runs per inning, batting through the order once, or **three** outs. The team with the most players will constitute once through the order. Example: If team A has eleven players and team B has thirteen players, team A would bat through their order plus two additional players to equal thirteen.
13. The coach will pitch no more than **three** pitches. If the ball has not been put into play it will be placed on the tee. Coach pitch position is to be a reasonable distance from home plate.
14. The player in the pitcher's position is to be at the pitching mound 38 feet from home plate and infielders must play behind pitcher. Outfielders must play at least **fifteen** feet behind baselines.

15. If the bat hits the ball and tee, it is a live play. If the bat hits only the tee, it is considered a foul ball. The ball must travel **twelve** feet into fair territory or will be considered a foul ball. A 12' arc chalk line from third base line to first base line is recommended.
16. Promote and enforce "TVA Sportsmanship Guidelines".

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